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KERN

Dr. William H. Moore, Jr., son of a former president of the Kern County Medical Society, was himself elected president at the society's annual business meeting in December. He succeeds Dr. Robert L. Day. Other officers include Dr. Carrol W. Goss, vice-president, and Dr. Harold Freedman, secretary-treasurer.

LOS ANGELES

Dr. Joseph P. O'Connor, of Pasadena, has been elected president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association for 1960, succeeding Dr. William F. Quinn, whose term expired December 31. Dr. Elmer F. Goel, Beverly Hills, was elected vice-president, Dr. Ian Macdonald, Los Angeles, secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Gordon K. Smith, a trustee.

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Dr. George C. Griffith, professor of medicine at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, has been presented with the award of merit of the American Heart Association for his service to the organization's research program. Dr. Griffith is a former president of the Los Angeles County Heart Association and the California Heart Association.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. Roberta Fenlon became the first woman president of the San Francisco County Medical Society at the organization's recent annual meeting, and Dr. Malcolm Watts was named president-elect. Dr. Martha Mottram was re-elected vice-president, Dr. John B. Schaupp, secretary, and Dr. W. Dayton Clark, treasurer. Dr. Eugene M. Webb was reappointed editor of the *Bulletin*.

By a vote of 737 to 302 members of the society decided against identifying themselves as members of the society in their telephone book listings.

Opponents of the proposal urged that such a listing was both a form of advertising and "unfair coercion." It was also pointed out that the cost would be some \$14,000 a year.

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At the annual meeting of the **San Francisco chapter of the Pan American Medical Association** the following officers were elected for 1960: President, Dr. Paul G. Fuerstner; first vice-president, Dr. Jay Randolph Sharpsteen; second vice-president, Dr. Ray C. Atkinson; treasurer, Dr. John W. Ashford; secretary, Dr. Ivan A. May; chairman of regional administrators, Dr. Charles Pierre Mathé.

Dr. Fernando G. Gomez and Dr. Henry M. Weyrauch were elected to vacancies on the board of regional administrators.

GENERAL

The President and the President-Elect of the California Medical Association were appointed last month by Governor Edmund G. Brown to a 17-member **Governor's Committee on the Study of Medical Aid and Health**. The committee, made up of top medical leaders and others concerned with health problems, is charged with making a "comprehensive

study" of care provided by government and by private facilities. Dr. Roger O. Egeberg, medical director of Los Angeles County Department of Charities, was named chairman of the committee. Others appointed were Dr. T. Eric Reynolds, Oakland, president of the California Medical Association, and Dr. Paul D. Foster, Los Angeles, president-elect; Dr. Nicholas V. Oddo, Long Beach, president of the California Osteopathic Association; John E. Smits, Glendale, administrator, Los Angeles Children's Hospital; Harry Polland, Berkeley, labor economist; J. Paul St. Sure, Piedmont, president, Pacific Maritime Association; H. Charles Abbot, Northridge, chairman, Blue Cross Commission; Mrs. Ernest Lilienthal, San Francisco, consumer representative; Jack E. A. Stumpf, San Bernardino, executive director, San Bernardino Community Services; Stephen I. Zetterberg, Pomona attorney and member of the State Board of Health; Dr. Joseph B. Platt, president, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont; State Senator Hugo Fisher, San Diego; Assemblyman Ron Cameron, Whittier.

Ex-officio members are Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, State Director of Public Health; Dr. Daniel Blain, State Director of Mental Hygiene; and John Wedemeyer, State Director of Social Welfare.

MORE MEDICARE

A considerable segment of the medical care of dependents of military personnel will be returned to private hospitals and physicians in private practice as a result of changes in the Medicare program that went into effect January 1 of this year by order of the Defense Department. Services that had been lopped off in an economy move more than a year ago were restored owing to Congressional approval of an \$88.8 million budget for Medicare this year.

However, the rule that dependents living with members of the armed forces must use military facilities unless these are certified by the medical officer to be unavailable, remains in force.

Thus, expansion of the list of benefits for dependents does not fully overcome the objections of organized medicine to the Defense Department method of supplying them with medical care. Leaders in medicine have pointed out that not only does caring for civilians in military hospitals remove them from private practice but it tends towards socialization in that it puts civilians under the care of physicians who are in the hire of the government.

The restored services include:

- Treatment for such cases that are not of an emergency nature but for which good medical practice dictates prompt attention (hernia, tonsillitis and the like).
- Care for acute emotional disorders for a period of 21 days or until other provision is made for more prolonged care.
- Emergency out-patient care for acute injuries or accidents, such as simple fractures which do not require hospitalization.
- The allowance of \$75 for certain diagnostic tests, such as x-rays, is restored if these tests eventually lead to hospitalization of the dependent, and also the \$50 allowance for certain post-hospitalization procedures, such as a blood transfusion for a leukemia patient before he is finally released as completely treated, has been restored.

The Cancer Advisory Council to the California State Department of Public Health which is to work closely with the department to help enforce the new antiquackery law strengthening "the regulation and control of the diagnosis, treatment, and cure of cancer," has been appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown. Nine of the 15 members are physicians: Dr. John Wesley Cline, San Francisco surgeon, past president of the American Medical Association and president-elect of the American Cancer Society; Dr. L. Henry Garland, San Francisco radiologist and holder of the American Cancer Society's distinguished service medal; Dr. Sol R. Baker of Beverly Hills, chairman of the Los Angeles County branch of the American Cancer Society; Dr. Ian G. Macdonald, University of Southern California surgeon and radiologist; Dr. David A. Wood, pathologist, University of California in San Francisco and chairman of the C.M.A. Cancer Commission; Dr. Henry S. Kaplan, chairman of the radiology department, Stanford; Dr. Joseph F. Ross, associate dean, UCLA medical school; Dr. Orlyn B. Pratt, pathologist, College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles; and Dr. Maurice H. Simmers, co-ordinator of cancer training, College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles.

Representing non-profit cancer research institutes are Louis Tabak, president of the City of Hope, Los Angeles; and Bernard R. Baker of the Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park. Other members are Sol Silberman, Jr., San Francisco, cancer coordinator for the University of California School of Dentistry; Allan Kay Jonas of Beverly Hills, a real estate development firm president and chairman of education for the American Cancer Society in Los Angeles County; and Richard Haber, Berkeley, an insurance consultant.

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The California Medical Assistants' Association announced dates and places for its January and February educational symposia as follows:

Sunday, January 17, with the Orange County Medical Assistants' Association as host, an all-day symposium at the Anaheim Bowl, 1925 West Lincoln Street in Anaheim. Registration chairman, Mrs. Louis Quast, 600 East Chapman, Orange, California. Registration fee \$1; luncheon, \$2.50.

Sunday, February 7, San Joaquin and Stanislaus Chapters will hold their all-day symposium at the Hotel Stockton in Stockton. Registration chairman, Mildred Terzich, 1665 Berkeley Avenue, Stockton 5. Registration fee, \$1; luncheon \$3.00.

Sunday, February 7, a symposium in Riverside at the White Sands Hotel. For information, contact Mrs. Esther Tune, Riverside Medical Clinic, 3660 Arlington Avenue, Riverside.

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Dr. Harold Martin Erickson, who has been director of the Oregon State Department of Public Health for the past 14 years, has accepted appointment as **deputy director of the California State Department of Public Health**. He took over his new duties January 4.

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The California Pharmaceutical Association has pointed out that preparations of **narcotics mixed with other medicaments**, such as cough syrups and APC with codeine, which may now be **prescribed by telephone**, are often a matter of conflict between the pharmacist and the physician's nurse or secretary because she, instead of the doctor, often telephones the prescription order. Since the law distinctly states that the physician must personally do the telephoning of such prescriptions, most pharmacists refuse to accept them by telephone from anyone else. Recently a physician's nurse received a \$100 fine and two pharmacists were cited for violation of this law, the association said.

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Seventy-five years of continuous publication was celebrated by *Annals of Surgery* with the publication of its December issue. The oldest surgical journal in any language in the world, *Annals of Surgery* is a monthly review of surgical science and practice, and is published by the J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia. It was founded by Lewis Stephen Pilcher, who remained editor for 50 years. From 1892 to 1897 it was published by the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1897 J. B. Lippincott Company took over the copyright.

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION NOTICES

THIS BULLETIN of the dates of postgraduate education programs and the meetings of various medical organizations in California is supplied by the Committee on Postgraduate Activities of the California Medical Association. In order that they may be listed here, please send communications relating to your future medical or surgical programs to: Mrs. Margaret H. Griffith, Director, Postgraduate Activities, California Medical Association, 2975 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 5.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

CLINICAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM—MEXICO CITY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, MEXICO CITY. Anesthesiology, Gastroenterology, Dermatology, Cardiology, Pediatrics and General Surgery. Feb. 25 through March 5, 1960.

Clinical Traineeships — Anesthesia, Dermatology and Pediatric Cardiology. Dates by arrangement. Minimum period—two weeks. Fee: Two weeks, \$150.00; four weeks, \$250.00.

Geriatrics in Clinical Practice. Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20. 12 hours.*

Preventive Psychiatry in Pediatric Practice. Friday through Sunday, April 8 through 10. University of California Residential Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead.‡

Inhalation Therapy and Office Proctology. April.†

Plastic Surgery of the Eye. May.†

Management of Medical Emergencies. Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. 12 hours.*

Low Back Pain. May.†

General Pediatrics. Sunday through Wednesday, July 17 through 20. Lake Arrowhead, University of California Conference Center. Fifteen hours.*

*Fees to be announced.

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